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Applicants: Masato YOSHIDA, et al.
Serial No.: 10/042,271
Filed: January 11, 2002
For: ABRASIVE METHOD OF POLISHING TARGET MEMBER AND
PROCESS FOR PRODUCING SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE
Group: 3723
Examiner: Shantese L. McDonald

AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 30, 2003, please amend
the above-identified application as listed in the following, and as set forth on the
following pages:

Amendments to the claims; and

Remarks are included following the amendments.

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No. 6,343,976 issued February 5, 2002, and hereby agrees that any patent issued on the above-identified application shall be enforceable only for and during such time as the said U.S. Patent No. 6,343,976 and the above-identified application are commonly owned.

Petitioner, however, does not disclaim the terminal part of any patent granted on the instant application prior to the expiration date of the full statutory term, defined in 35 U.S.C. 154 to 156 and 173, of the above-listed U.S. Patent No. 6,343,976 in the event that U.S. Patent No. 6,343,976 expires: for failure to pay a maintenance fee; is held unenforceable; is found invalid; is statutorily disclaimed in whole or terminally disclaimed under 37 CFR 1.321; has all claims cancelled by a reexamination certificate; is reissued; or is otherwise terminated prior to expiration of the above-referred-to full statutory term, except for the separation of legal title as stated above.

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The undersigned is an attorney of record in this application and is empowered to act on behalf of Hitachi Chemical Company, Ltd. for execution and submission of Terminal Disclaimers, in accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.321(b) and (c), effective January 4, 1994.

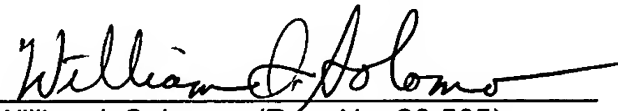
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